

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1169–S1241*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2616–2621, and S. Res. 384. **Page S1222**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 817, to provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon. (S. Rept. No. 114–219) **Page S1222**

**Measures Passed:**

*Read Across America Day:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 384, designating March 2, 2016, as “Read Across America Day”. **Page S1238**

**Measures Considered:**

**Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of S. 524, to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to address the national epidemics of prescription opioid abuse and heroin use, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, withdrawing the committee-reported substitute amendment, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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**Adopted:**

By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas, 1 responding present (Vote No. 28), Grassley (for Feinstein/Grassley) Amendment No. 3362 (to Amendment No. 3378), to provide the Department of Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmatives votes, be agreed to.)

**Pages S1180, S1203**

Grassley (for Toomey) Amendment No. 3367 (to Amendment No. 3378), to establish a life-saving program to prevent drug and opioid abuse in Medicare. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.)

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**Pending:**

Grassley Amendment No. 3378, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1180**

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Grassley (for Donnelly/Capito) Modified Amendment No. 3374 (to Amendment No. 3378), to provide follow-up services to individuals who have received opioid overdose reversal drugs. **Page S1206**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 46 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 29), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Wyden/Schumer Amendment No. 3395 (to Amendment No. 3378), to provide for comprehensive provisions for the prevention and enforcement of opioid abuse and treatment of opioid addiction. Subsequently, a point of order that pursuant to Section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 the amendment would cause the underlying legislation to exceed the authorizing committee’s section 302(a) allocation of new budget authority or outlays was sustained, and the amendment fell. **Pages S1192–94, S1204**

By 48 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 30), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and applicable budget resolutions with respect to Shaheen/Whitehouse Amendment No. 3345 (to Amendment No. 3378), to make appropriations to address the heroin and opioid drug abuse epidemic for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. Subsequently, a point of order that pursuant to Section 311(a)(2)(A) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 the amendment would cause the aggregate level of budget authority and outlays for fiscal year 2016 as established in the most recently agreed to concurrent resolution on the budget, S. Con. Res. 11, to be exceeded was sustained, and the amendment fell. **Pages S1181–83, S1202–03, S1205–06**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 3, 2016.

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**Messages from the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the continuation of the national emergency originally declared in Executive Order 13660 on March 6, 2014, with respect to Ukraine; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-43)

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Transmitting, pursuant to law, the continuation of the national emergency originally declared in executive order 13288 on March 6, 2003, with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-44)

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—30) Pages S1203-04, S1206

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:44 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 3, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1241.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Sally Jewell, Secretary of the Interior.

### APPROPRIATIONS: NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Navy and Marine Corps, after re-

ceiving testimony from Ray Mabus, Secretary of the Navy, Admiral John M. Richardson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, and General Robert Neller, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

### APPROPRIATIONS: FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Food and Drug Administration, after receiving testimony from Robert Califf, Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

### APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation, after receiving testimony from Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary (Civil Works), and Lieutenant General Thomas P. Bostick, USA, Chief of Engineers, Army Corps of Engineers, both of the Department of the Army, Department of Defense; and Thomas Iseman, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, and Estevan Lopez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior.

### FCC OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission, after receiving testimony from Tom Wheeler, Chairman, and Ajit Pai, Mignon L. Clyburn, Michael O'Rielly, and Jessica Rosenworcel, each a Commissioner, all of the Federal Communications Commission.

### LAND CLEANUP PROGRAMS LEGISLATION

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine economic opportunities from land cleanup programs, including S. 2446, to amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal combustion residuals and establish requirements for the proper management and disposal of coal combustion residuals that are protective of human health and the environment, S. 1479, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation,